

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: RICHARD C. GOWEN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/825,436

Filed: April 2, 2001

Confirmation No.: 1807

Title: DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2172

Examiner: J. CORRIELUS

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	20	minus	20	=	0	X \$18 =	\$ _____
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$86 =	\$ _____
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)							\$ _____
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <b>February 7, 2004</b> ,							
PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed* (1 mo \$110; 2 mos \$420; 3 mos \$950; 4 mos \$1480)							\$ _____
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)							\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>							\$ <u>-0-</u>
If "small entity" verified statement filed <input type="checkbox"/> previously, <input type="checkbox"/> herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and <u>subtract</u>							\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>							\$ <u>-0-</u>
Other: _____							\$ _____
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any fees in addition to the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Account No. shown in the heading hereof for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does not authorize charge of the issue fee in this case.

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By: RICHARD M. MOOSE Reg. No.: 31,226 Date: February 6, 2004Signature: *Richard M. Moose*

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any referenced attachment and fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Post Office Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 6, 2004.

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Honorable Commissioner:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement of January 7, 2004, for the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution those claims indicated in the Office Action by Group II, 'claims 11 through 20. Such election is without any prejudice to Applicants' complete rights to pursue any non-elected subject matter in further applications, for example, such as by way of divisional.

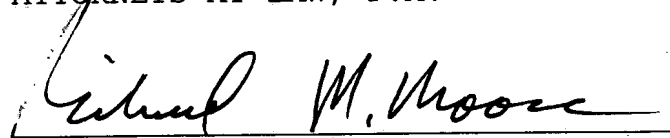
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should there be any questions regarding this

Response. Otherwise, entry of such election and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

DORITY & MANNING,  
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